

BRITISH GRAND PRIX CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008

RULES AND CONDITIONS

FOR FREEFALL STYLE

The Freefall Style competitions will be in two categories: Senior, and Intermediate. The competition will be up to four rounds.

1. GENERAL

- a. The Grand Prix Competitions will be conducted where practicable in accordance with BPA National and World Championship rules, except where specific changes have been made for judging and scoring purposes to determine the placings and winners of the Grand Prix Competitions and Overall Champions. The BPA Anti-Doping Policy and Rules (See BPA Form 220) apply to all competitors at Grand Prix Competitions. By entering a Grand Prix Competition, all competitors agree to take a random drugs test if required – failure to provide a urine sample for analysis will result in disqualification.
- b. All participants will accept these rules as binding on entering the competitions.
- c. At the pre-competition briefings any local rules will be made available by the Drop Zone Management and must be adhered to.
- d. Prizes will be awarded for each Grand Prix competition and for the Overall Champions. The Overall Champions will receive their awards at the BPA Annual General Meeting.
- e. Each discipline will be contested at three different Clubs. The scores of Teams/Individuals will be used to establish the total scores and positions in the Overall League Table.
- f. The BPA will provide funding towards the provision of Officials and necessary equipment for judging. The Drop Zone host will charge for jumps at as near normal price as possible. An Entry fee for each competition may be charged by the host Club up to a maximum of £5.
- g. Competition will have a start and end time dictated by the DZ Operator and Officials at the end of the registration period.
- h. Teams must register by the 1000hrs on the day the actual competition starts.
- i. In the event of the minimum number of rounds (2) not being completed the competition will be continued at the DZ Operators convenience.
- j. All rounds not fully completed will be re-drawn at the new competition.
- k. In the event of less than five competitors registering the event will be declared a No-event.

2. DOCUMENTATION

All competitors on booking in will produce the following:

- a. A valid BPA membership. Except in the case of other European Union (EU) parachutists, who are current members of their own country's parachuting governing organisations, are FAI certificated, have a minimum of 100 descents and hold current third party liability insurance cover of a minimum of €1.300,000.
- b. Current Medical declaration or Doctor's certificate.
- c. Log Book.

3. EQUIPMENT

Each individual is responsible for supplying their own equipment which should consist of:

- a. A serviceable main and reserve parachute, container and harness.
- b. An equipment inspection record and a reserve packing card.
- c. A serviceable altimeter and suitable helmet, clothing and footwear.

N.B. All of paras 1 and 2 (above) must comply with the requirements of the BPA Operations Manual.

4. THE EVENTS

a. Senior

In an attempt to encourage competitors we intend to trial a system similar to the FS events where competitors above Category 8 split themselves into intermediate or senior regardless of jump numbers. Anyone who has competed at International level must compete at Senior level

- b. **Intermediate**
See above if the trial is successful then winners of this category should move up to senior at their next event.

5. CONDUCT OF EVENTS

- a. Freefall Style jumps will be made from an altitude of 7,200 ft AGL. If weather conditions do not allow, the altitude may be brought down to 6,000 ft AGL.
- b. The competitor jump order and sequence of style rounds will be drawn by officials prior to the start of the event. In the Grand Prix competitions, there will be a maximum of 4 rounds. There will NOT be a 5th round where competitors can choose their own set.
- c. A minimum of **one (1)** round must be made to determine the Grand Prix Champion, placings and league points which will be carried forward for the overall.
- d. Intermediate competitors will be required to complete the **first** half set in the same order as the Senior event.

6. SCORING SYSTEM FOR GRAND PRIX AND OVERALL CHAMPIONS

- a. Judging and scoring for the Freefall Style event will be conducted where practicable according to the rules of the National and World Championships, although judging may be completed using non-digital equipment. This will determine the placings for the Grand Prix competitions.
- b. Prizes will be awarded for the first three (3) places as will points which will be carried forward for the Overall Champion at the end of the season.

1st place	3 points
2nd place	2 points
3rd place	1 point
- c. In the event of a tie, a `jump-off' should take place, weather/time permitting, at the Chief Judges discretion. If a `jump-off' is not possible the individual with the lowest time after penalties beginning at round one (1) will be awarded the higher placing.
- d. There is no distinction between men and women.
- e. Prizes will be awarded to the overall Champions only.